

## IMPERIAL DAMAGE IS LESS THAN SUPPOSED

Contrary to first reports, the Imperial valley suffered comparatively little from its recent earthquake, according to vice-president and general manager W. R. Scott of the Southern Pacific company. Scott has just completed a trip through the valley, made particularly to ascertain the condition of the country and to note the damage done by the quake.

"None of the towns have suffered any damage as a result of the quake, with the exception of El Centro, Calexico and Mexicali," said Vice-president Scott yesterday. "At these places with very few exceptions, the damage has been confined to projecting portions of buildings acting as ornamentation. When damage has been done to walls of brick structures, it has been due altogether to the character of construction, the mortar being dry and of poor quality and not making perfect bond with the bricks."

"In Mexicali, the damage was confined to adobe houses and the poorer houses of that class of construction."

"The better class of buildings in any of the towns did not suffer. In the Barbara Worth hotel at El Centro no damage whatever was done, except that caused by a fire wall enclosing a court, a portion of which broke off and dropped to the roof of the hotel lobby. This was repaired immediately and the house is now in full operation."

"In Calexico a few thousand dollars will repair the damage. The citizens of these towns who have been so instrumental in making the desert bloom as a rose, are in no wise daunted or depressed by the recent disturbance."

"The valley is in a most prosperous condition. The cantaloupe crop will be fully as large as it was last year and with good market prices the output will be close to 5,000 cars. The cotton crop is also about the same as last year and prospects are that much better prices will prevail. All other crops are in fine condition. A large number of cattle are being shipped out of the valley for fattening, and altogether, the outlook for Imperial valley is extremely promising, and the people are looking forward to continued growth and prosperity."

## GEORGIA MILITIA TO PROTECT LEO FRANK

ATLANTA, Ga., July 14.—Three companies of militia at Macon were ordered to be held in the army in readiness to proceed to Milledgeville, the state farm where Leo Frank is confined. Governor Harris announced the action after reports were circulated that a plan was under way to attack the prison and lynch Frank. The roads to Milledgeville, Atlanta, Marietta and other towns are guarded by country police.

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## KNOW LITTLE OF LAY OF THE LAND

### RELIEF MAP OF ELEPHANT BUTTE PROJECT OF GREAT INTEREST TO EL PASO VISITORS

El Paso Times

"One of the most surprising things in connection with the conduct of the immigration office of the Chamber of Commerce," said George H. Clements, publicity commissioner of that institution, "is the lack of knowledge of the geography of the country displayed even by those who have given the matter enough thought to be induced to come here to look the ground over. The big relief map of the Elephant Butte project on display in the chamber fills most of them with wonder."

"They all manifest surprise, however, that the 188,000 acres of irrigable land which we advertise does not lie in a compact body of rectangular shape. It differs so from the preconceived picture of the country that many of them seem to be woefully disappointed. Another source of disappointment to many is that the land must be leveled to the nicety almost of a floor in order that the water may be distributed evenly."

"We have had men say, after the method of water distribution had been explained to them, that they would not live in a country where there was a need for so much fuss over the preparation of land for farming. It is probably needless to say that we do not try to induce men of that type to stay even though we have been at some preliminary expense to get them here. They are afraid of work and this is no place for men of this kind."

## ITALY ALREADY RUNS SHORT ON AMMUNITION

ROME, Italy, July 14.—Although not yet at war two months, Italy seems to need a larger supply of ammunition and all the factories in the kingdom are being transformed into ammunition and shell making plants. The suggestion has been made that all capable factory workers in the army be sent home.

## WILSON AND CABINET ON GERMAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14.—The first official announcement of the immediate plans of the president for dealing with the situation that has arisen between Germany and the United States came out in a telegram from Cornish to Secretary Tumulty stating the president would return to Washington soon to lay the entire subject before the cabinet.

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How is it your little brother is so much  
cleaner than you?

Johnnie—Well, you see, he's three  
years younger.

### A LITTLE BIRD

Irate Diner—Hey, waiter, there's not  
a drop of real coffee in this mixture!

Fresh Waiter—Some little bird told  
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Irate Diner—Yes—a swallow.

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